FISCAL MEMORANDUM SB 1018 – HB 1481

May 17, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007363): Exempts plumbing and mechanical inspectors employed for any length of time on the effective date from paying certification fees. Deletes a grandfathering provision included in the original bill for inspectors employed by a county or municipal for a period of seven years or more. Requires all inspectors to receive the certification required in the original bill within 12 months. The original bill had variable time frames for certain inspectors. Specifies that for purposes of promulgating rules and regulations the act will take place upon becoming law and for all other purposes shall take effect July 1, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Revenues – Exceeds \$137,500/Triennially
Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$44,500/Recurring
\$4,000/One-Time

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$137,500/Triennially*

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Revenues – Exceeds \$3,575/ FY09, FY10, FY11
Exceeds \$10,000/FY12 and thereafter
Increase State Expenditures –

Exceeds \$3,575/FY09, FY10, FY11 Exceeds \$10,000/FY12 and thereafter

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* –

Exceeds \$3,575/FY09, FY10, FY11

Exceeds \$10,000/FY12 and thereafter

^{*}Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Approximately 13 persons will be required to have mechanical inspector and plumbing inspector certification and pay the applicable fee each year.
- An increase in state revenues from the collection of certification fees.
- Recertification required triennially.
- Expenditures to implement and operate the certification program are estimated to be approximately equivalent to the amount of fee revenue derived by the certification program.
- An increase in local government expenditures for licensing fees.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience a significant increase in revenues or expenditures.
- Individuals employed prior to enactment of the bill will be required to apply for and receive certification but will not be required to pay the fee or meet any requirement other than employment prior to the enactment of this bill.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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